

Judges



Toni Blackman

Musician, Performer, Writer
American Cultural Envoy
The Rhythm Road: American Music Abroad alumna

Toni Blackman was educated at Howard University where she received her B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Accomplishments:

- First Hip Hop artist selected by the U.S. Department of State to work as an American Cultural Envoy overseas.
 - Performed in nearly 20 countries and shared the stage with a host of artists.
 - Her first book, INNER-COURSE (Villard/Random House), was released in 2003 and details her journey as a woman in Hip Hop, an underground artist and her adventures traveling the world as a musical ambassador.
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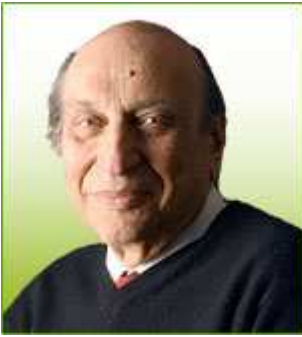
Fran Drescher

Actress
Founder, Cancer Schmancer Movement
American Public Diplomacy Envoy

New York native Fran Drescher, an accomplished actress, writer, and health care advocate, was named as American Public Diplomacy Envoy in 2008.

Accomplishments:

- Best known for her television sitcom "The Nanny" for which she received two Emmy and two Golden Globe nominations.
- Launched the Cancer Schmancer Movement, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all women's cancers be diagnosed while in Stage 1, when it is most curable.
- Received the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship Writer's Award for The New York Times best selling books: "Enter Whining" and "Cancer Schmancer."
- Received the John Wayne Institute's Woman of Achievement Award, the Gilda Award, the City of Hope Woman of the Year Award, the Hebrew University Humanitarian Award, and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Spirit of Achievement Award for her work advocating for cancer awareness.



Milton Glaser

Graphic Artist
Fulbright alumnus

New York native Milton Glaser was educated at the High School of Music and Art and the Cooper Union art school in New York and, via a Fulbright Scholarship, the Academy of Fine Arts in Bologna, Italy.

Accomplishments:

- Co-founded the revolutionary Push Pin Studios in 1954, founded New York Magazine with Clay Felker in 1968.
 - Received the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Smithsonian Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, for his profound and meaningful long-term contribution to the contemporary practice of design.
 - Embodies American graphic design during the latter half of the 20th century.
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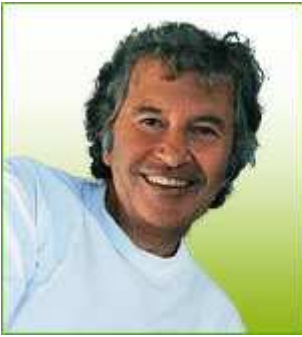
Raafat Khalid

Founder and President of Cultural Civic Education Organization (CCE), Egypt
International Visitor Leadership Program alumnus

Raafat Khalid, Ph.D. of Egypt founded the Cultural Civic Education Organization (CCE) with the mission to prepare Egyptian young adults to become responsible democratic citizens by acquiring civic and political knowledge, and developing the skills and principles to advocate and promote democratization, good governance, human rights, and the rule of law.

Accomplishments:

- Worked in senior posts for the Egyptian Government for 30 years, including the post of The First Under Secretary of Education (Senior Deputy Minister), from 1993 until 2002.
- Member, Executive Committee, International Forum for Democracy and Peace (IFFDP), Istanbul.
- His Cultural Civic Education Organization (CCE) received in 2006 the "Federal Assistant Award" from the Government of the United States, enabling CCE to prepare young Egyptian educators to become responsible democratic citizens.
- His Core of Democratic Excellency "CODE" project, awarded "the success story of Egypt in 2007," was featured by the U.S. Department of State Alumni website (www.alumni.state.gov) and by the International Forum for Freedom, Democracy and Peace website (www.iffdp.org).



Bob Shaye

Founder and Former Co-Chairman of NEW LINE CINEMA;
Principal UNIQUE FEATURES
Fulbright Program alumnus

Bob Shaye is a University of Michigan graduate with a degree in Business Administration and a J.D. degree from Columbia University Law School.

Accomplishments:

- Founded New Line Cinema in 1967. Produced and distributed over 500 motion pictures.
 - In 1998, collaborated with writer-director Peter Jackson on the idea of turning J.R.R. Tolkien's classic *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy into three films and agreed to produce all three installments simultaneously, which resulted in one of the biggest commercial and critical successes in movie history totaling 30 Academy Award nominations, 17 wins and box office receipts of nearly \$3 billion worldwide.
 - Shaye is a Fulbright Scholar, member of the New York State Bar, and served on the Board of Trustees of the Motion Picture Pioneers and the American Film Institute.
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Bob Simon

News Correspondent, CBS
Fulbright Program alumnus

New York native Bob Simon graduated from Brandeis University in 1962 with a degree in History.

Accomplishments:

- Correspondent for all seven seasons of CBS News' 60 Minutes II, where his work has won him five of his 18 Emmy awards.
- Named CBS News' Chief Middle Eastern correspondent in 1987 and has come to be recognized as the premier broadcast journalist in that region.
- Also served as a national correspondent for CBS News in New York (1982-1987).